

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 12, 15 and 20 and cancel claims 2, 4, 9, 10, 16, 18-26 as follows.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for generating a data feed file from at least one raw data file for use by a desktop application comprising:

- (a) developing a set of data feed file criteria comprising at least one data-locating criterion, that is received by a data extraction tool of a first device;
- (b) extracting at least a portion of data from a raw data file based on at least one data-locating criterion, utilizing the data extraction tool;
- (c) ~~generating creating~~ a report having wherein the report comprises data extracted from the raw data file, utilizing the data extraction tool;
- determining whether data in the report complies with data-limiting criteria, utilizing a discrimination tool;
- deleting lines from the report which contain data that does not comply with the data-limiting criteria to obtain an updated report, utilizing the discrimination tool;
- (d) ~~generating populating~~ the data feed file with data from the updated report, utilizing a formatting tool; and
- transmitting the data feed file from the first device to a location electronically accessible to the desktop application of a second device, utilizing a network operably coupled between the first device and the second device.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2 1 wherein the location accessible to the desktop application is a local area network electronically accessible to a desktop application.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein ~~said~~ the data-locating criterion identifies ~~the~~ a location of data in the raw data file needed for the data feed file.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein said location of data in the raw data file is defined as the location of the data field in each record of the raw data file containing data needed for the data feed file.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the data field location is identified by the category of data contained in the data field.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the data field location is identified by the position of the data field in each record of the raw data file.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the data feed file criteria further comprises at least one hard-coded data criterion, wherein the hard-coded data criterion specifies data to be included in the data feed file that is not included in the raw data file.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 11 further comprising populating a the data feed file with data specified by the hard-coded data criteria.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the raw data file is stored on an electronic storage device.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the electronic storage device is a mainframe computer.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The system of generating a data feed file from a raw data file for use by a desktop application comprising:

- (a) ~~at least two~~ first and second data storage devices;
- (b) a data extraction tool ~~wherein the data extraction tool:~~ configured to extract
  - i) ~~extracts~~ extracts at least one portion of data from the raw data file stored on the first data storage device based on at least one data-locating criterion, and to generate
  - ii) ~~creates~~ creates a report comprising the extracted data;
- a discrimination tool configured to determine whether data in the report complies with data-limiting criteria, the discrimination tool further configured to delete lines of the report which contain data that does not comply with the data-limiting criteria to obtain an updated report;
- e) a formatting tool configured to extract ~~wherein said formatting tool:~~
  - i) ~~extracts~~ extracts the data from the updated report ~~created by the data extraction tool;~~ and to populate
  - ii) ~~populates~~ populates the data feed file with data extracted from the updated report; and a network configured to electronically transmit the data feed file from the first data storage device to the second data storage device such that the data feed file is electronically accessible by the desktop application.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Original): The system of claim 15 wherein said formatting tool further populates the data feed file with data specified by at least one hard-coded data criterion.

Claim 18-26 (Cancelled).

Please add new claim 27.

Claim 27 (New): A method for generating a data feed file from at least one raw data file for use by a desktop application comprising:

developing a set of data feed file criteria comprising at least one data-locating criterion, that is received by a data extraction tool of a main frame computer;

extracting at least a portion of data from a raw data file based on at least one data-locating criterion, utilizing the data extraction tool;

generating a report having data extracted from the raw data file, utilizing the data extraction tool;

generating the data feed file with data from the updated report, utilizing a formatting tool of the main frame computer; and

transmitting the data feed file from the main frame computer to a location electronically accessible to the desktop application of a desktop computer.